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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS UNDER SCP
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that most of the States are not following the guidelines laid down for allocating funds under Special Component Plan (SCP) in proportion to their SC population;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) Under the strategy evolved by Planning Commission, State Governments/UT Administrations and the Central Ministries are required to formulate and implement Special Component Plan (SCP) for ensuring rapid socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes by earmarking Plan funds in proportion to the percentage of SC population in the respective States/UTs.

8 States namely, Assam, Haryana, Punjab, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Pondicherry allocated funds under Special Component Plan in proportion to their Scheduled Castes Population in the last two years.

(c) A Central Tripartite Committee under the Chairmanship of Member, Planning Commission had been constituted in 1999, which reviews the Special Component Plan (SCP) periodically. Further, Planning Commission has been issuing directions to the State Governments to allocate adequate funds at the State level under SCP.

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment also monitors the implementation of SCP by States at regular intervals.